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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed April 20, 2009, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued February 1, 2005. The last day of the grace period for paying the 3.5-year maintenance fee was February 1, 2009. Therefore, since this petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), this petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Petitioner submitted both the \$65.00 surcharge and the \$1640.00 surcharge. Since petitioner is outside of the 6-month grace period, only the \$1640.00 surcharge is required. Accordingly, the \$65.00 surcharge was refunded via treasury check in April 2009.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3206.

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